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Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (amended) An adjustable measuring scoop comprising:
  - a) a bucket including at least one fixed wall and an opening;
  - b) a movable partition providing another wall for said bucket, said movable partition connected to said scoop by a rotating means and having a range of motion;
  - c) a handle connected to said bucket; and,
  - d) adjustment means for manually moving said movable partition on said rotating means so as to permit convenient selection of a desired scoop size within a maximum and a minimum size, by ready manual manipulation of said adjustment means;  
wherein said adjustment means includes a slide having a range of motion, and said adjustable measuring scoop further comprises one or more supports restricting said range of motion of said slide to a linear path.
2. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 1, wherein said rotating means is positioned such that said movable partition is movable toward and away from said opening of said bucket.

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3. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 2, wherein said bucket includes a front portion, and said front portion has left and right aspects that are substantially symmetric to one another.
4. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 2, wherein said rotating means includes an axle and one or more axle boxes.
5. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 2, further comprising means for temporarily securing the position of said movable partition once a desired scoop size has been selected.
6. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 5, wherein said means for temporarily securing includes grooves and ribs.
7. (amended) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 2, wherein ~~said adjustment means includes a manual slide that~~ acts as a lever on said movable partition so as to permit a range of motion along at least part of said movable partition that exceeds the corresponding range of motion of said slide.
8. (amended) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim [[7]], wherein said slide acts as a lever on said movable partition so as to permit a range of motion along at least

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part of said movable partition that exceeds the corresponding  
~~adjustment means further includes one or more supports~~  
~~restricting said range of motion of said manual slide to a~~  
~~linear path.~~

9. (amended) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 1, wherein said adjustment means includes a manually accessible ~~trigger slide and one or more supports restricting said range of motion of said manual slide to a linear path.~~
10. (amended) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 9, wherein said manual slide acts as a lever on said movable partition so as to permit a range of motion along at least part of said movable partition that exceeds the corresponding range of motion of said slide.
11. (amended) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 9, wherein said manual slide is at least partly located in said handle and ~~includes a trigger, and said handle includes a trigger aperture.~~
12. (amended) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim [[9]] 1, further comprising means for temporarily securing the position of said movable partition once a desired scoop size has been selected, said means for temporarily securing including:

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a) one or more grooves; and  
b) one or more locking extensions on said manual slide  
including a rib that fits within said one or more grooves.

13. (amended) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim [[9]]

1, wherein said rotating means includes an axle and one or  
more axle boxes.

14. (amended) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim [[9]]

1, wherein said rotating means is positioned such that said  
movable partition is movable toward and away from said opening  
of said bucket.

15. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 1,

wherein said bucket includes a variable unused space on the  
side of said movable partition that is opposite from said  
opening, and wherein said adjustable measuring scoop does not  
include a cover attached to said movable partition that could  
substantially cover said variable unused space throughout said  
range of motion of said movable partition.

16. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 15,

wherein said rotating means is positioned such that said  
movable partition is movable toward and away from said opening  
of said bucket.

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17. (amended) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 15, wherein said adjustment means includes a manually accessible trigger slide and one or more supports restricting said range of motion of said manual slide to a linear path.

18. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 17, wherein said rotating means is positioned such that said movable partition is movable toward and away from said opening of said bucket.

19. (amended) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 17, wherein said manual slide acts as a lever on said movable partition so as to permit a range of motion along at least part of said movable partition that exceeds the corresponding range of motion of said slide.

20. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 15, further comprising means for temporarily securing the position of said movable partition once a desired scoop size has been selected, said means for temporarily securing including one or more grooves and one or more ribs that mate with said one or more grooves.